

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5-12 are pending in the application, where claims 2, 4 and 13-14 had been previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 11-12 are independent.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to advance prosecution, claim 1 has been amended for better clarity and conformance with the specification. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection of claims 1, 3 and 5-12 has been overcome.

For example, claim 1 as amended recites "storing the result in a memory," such as the memory module 302 of the computer system 300 shown in FIG 3, as described on page 7, lines 9-23. Thus, claim 1 is tied to a statutory category namely, an apparatus, such as the

memory module 302 of the computer system 300. Further, independent claims 11-12 are directed to statutory categories, namely, an article of manufacture, e.g., a computer program product stored on digital storage medium, and an apparatus, such as the computer system 300 shown in FIG 3 that includes various modules. One skilled in the art would know that computer system 300 includes a processor and memory for performing various operations and storing data. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1, 3 and 5-12 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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